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- 1. POST HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT TIMING OF AND NEED FOR PROPOSED VISIT. FEDERAL ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE HERE OCTOBER 3 AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE PRE-OCCUPIED THROUGHOUT MUCH OF MONTH WITH ELECTION ITSELF AND FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT THAT WILL FOLLOW. FURTHER, SENDING OF WASHINGTON OFFICER TO SURVEY AN ALMOST NON-EXISTENT FIELD WILL CAUSE GERMAN OFFICIALS TO WONDER IF WE HAVE PLANS IN THIS AREA.
- 2. POST FEELS IT MUST RAISE QUESTION WHETHER PROJECT REALLY USEFUL IN VIEW OF LOW LEVEL OF EXCHANGES ACTIVITY BETWEEN FRG AND PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA. DR. HANS ARNOLD, CHIEF OF CULTURAL SECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICE, NOTED AT GERMAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL TALKS LAST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JANUARY THAT THERE WERE ONLY MINIMAL EXCHANGES WITH PRC

AND THAT FRG NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED AT MOMENT IN TRYING TO EXPAND THEM. WE ARE CONFIDENT WE CAN GET SAME INFORMATION ABOUT FRG-PRC EXCHANGES FROM SAME CONTACTS IOR OFFICER WOULD WANT TO SEE AND AT CONSIDERABLY LESS EXPENSE. KLIEFORTH

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